

South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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SIOUX FALLS, July 18, 2000 - - The April - June 2000 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 413 million pounds, 9 percent above last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. This is 4 percent above the January - March production, and up 9 percent from the recent five-year average of 380 million pounds. This is also the largest quarterly production since the second quarter of 1995.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 103,000, is up 1,000 from this same quarter last year and the January - March 2000 quarter. This is the first increase in the number of milk cows in two-and-a-half years.

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